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Memo.

Subject: Possible Harm to me and my Family Resulting from False Accusations against my wife.

Some years ago, when my wife was the leader of the Girl-Scouts of my nationality in the United States, she had to call to order one of the other leaders of the same organization. Later this leader was suspended from her job in the organization by a review board consisting of four persons of which my wife was one. Still later this decision was confirmed by another, the highest board of the organization, without my wife's participation in this decision.

Now the impeached leader, and another who is supporting her on some reasons of her own, are spreading slanderous, personal accusations against my wife. Some of these accusations are reaching the form of hints of my wife's unwitting cooperation with the enemies of "our" nation.

I do, and my wife does, hope that the situation will be cleared by the organization involved. Therefore, and not wanting to harm the generally strongly anti-communist organization of those Girl-Scouts, my wife has refrained for time being from taking any action against these persons outside the organization, and we even do not want to mention the names of them to anybody: we believe that this action is based but upon some personal grievance and stupidity, and not on any communist-minded leanings.

However, I like to have the Agency be informed of the situation for the case that those rumors would be reaching the security authorities of the States. It is not only the good name of my wife which is being harmed. Some harm could be done also to myself and to our sons of whom the elder one is an officer in the U.S. Army and the younger one is preparing himself for a career in foreign affairs; our position could be hurt by such rumors.

I am fully convinced that my wife took the initial steps against the above-mentioned person for protection of the honest and accurate way of work of their organization. Now she has stepped out of the active work in this organization, in good hope that by this the attention of other honest and objective leaders would be drawn to the case and a satisfactory solution would be found, her good name and reputation restored.

This memo was written for being submitted to the Security Office of the Agency.

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